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**SURPRISE, Ariz.** - The No. 2-ranked and defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University women's tennis team advanced in the NCAA Round of 16 with a 5-0 win over Northwood (Mich.) on Wednesday afternoon in Surprise, Ariz.

The win sets up a showdown between the Pirates (27-1) and the top-ranked and unbeaten Barry Bucs, who downed Northeastern State, 5-0. The two teams will meet in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

Armstrong swept the doubles matches as No. 2-ranked **Aleksandra Filipovski** and **Barbora Krlickova** downed No. 25-ranked Susana Alcaraz and Nastya Puchkina, 8-1, at No. 1 doubles, while No. 5-ranked **Marlen Hacke** and **Olga Kalodzitsa** downed Nikolett Kaposzta and Ayana Kobayashi, 8-1, at No. 2 doubles. The duo of **Clara Perez** and **Natasa Vukovic** overcame an early deficit to outlast Inesa Asatryan and Margarita Asatryan, 8-6, at No. 3 doubles.

The Pirates then picked up a pair of straight-set wins to clinch the match as No. 17-ranked Hacke beat Inesa Asatryan, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 4 singles and No. 27-ranked Kalodzitsa beat Kaposzta, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 5 singles.

The matchup on Thursday will feature the last five national champions in women's tennis - the Pirates won in 2008-10 and 2012, while Barry won in 2011.



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